

Geoff Isherwood triumphs to win August Medal

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When golf courses around the traps are soggy in the extreme, the well drained Emerald Golf Course stood up very well to recent drenching. A couple of greens wet damp but fairways were magnificent.

The conditions must have suited Geoff Isherwood (20) down to a tee because he won the VGL Monthly Medal in a common canter. His net 61 was 6 strokes ahead of the nearest opposition.

In A grade Peter Stevens (12) made a welcome return to form to win with 67 while Ryan Aitken (24) finished up on top in C Grade with 68.

Of those not quite up to scratch but in the OK category, Martin Yeats, despite not being able to convert his par first 9 to gold, had 70, Dennis Fuller and Ross Martin had 73 and Peter Clowes and Con Whitlock had 74.

Peter Clowes was nearest the pin on the 4th, Ken Hill the 7th, David Aitken the 12th, Dennis Fuller the 13th and Kameon Geeves won the pro pin cash on the 18th.

Peter Stevens showed up the rest of us by using the flat stick only 23 times!! He was the only playing in the 20s and had only 18 fewer than Ken Hill who has been winning all of the OFG putting comps!

The ladies' comp was won by Brettany Isherwood who withstood all challenges to score a hard fought victory.

There other records set as Ben counted Mr Mush's card and was duly checked by said pres. They agreed that Jeff finished with a net 69. He could hardly imagine that it was possible to hit that many drives (at least 12) into trees and still beat his handicap. He did putt excessively well as he had played amany rounds of golf during the week. It continued to bug the Pres and when he had his 12th look he found it should have been 79. Ben's excuse will be jetlag as he was just back from Hing Kong and the Pres's excuse has yet to be established.

Jeffrey did come up with the quote of the weeks as he trudged back to his bag for a ball to his as his second provisional. He said:

“I will use a new, clean, white Topflight because it will be easier to find in the trees!”...and it was!

Any people who own a little bit of lad that needs fallowing should contact Mr Morison and Mr Jones. You may have noticed the fallowed row beside the 13th. They may have not been the only ones to leave a slight trace of wheel slip but they were magnificent because of how straight their rows were.

On Wednesday in the Originally Faded Golf (OFG) using OFG handicaps Mark Lothian (17) handled the opposition with ease when he won with a net 70 from Moss Fuller (24) and Josh Tan (35) on 73.

Next Saturday, Olinda and Emerald Golf Clubs face off for the annual challenge. To date Emerald has held sway in most years but in 2009, Olinda won and are making veiled threats indicating they intend to do it again. A pitch battle will rage with no quarter given or asked for. Olinda should be afraid, very afraid of Scotty who doesn't seem to turn in two bad rounds in a row OK maybe more than 2? I still have faith in him to star for Emerald as he is a real team player and unfazed about personal glories.

SCORES:

A Grade

P Stevens ... 67 ... **23**
M Yeats ... 70 ... 33 putts
D Fuller ... 73 ... 37
R Martin ... 73 ... 31
K Geeves ... 75
D Hunt ... 78 ... 30
B Balfour ... 78 ... 30
K Hill ... 83 ... **41**

B Grade

G Isherwood ... 61
R Aitken ... 68 ... 31
P Clowes ... 74
P Jones ... 76 ... 33
D Shannon ... 79 ... 36
S Town ... 82 ... 40
M Starick ... 84 ... 34
J Carvill ... 87 ... 32
B Isherwood ... Dudley Norris Fenwick... not sure which hole but probably after the 3rd!
L Morison ... Dudley Norris Fenwick... not sure which hole but probably after the 3rd!

C Grade

R Aitken ... 68 ... 31
D Aitken ... 76 ... 37 (*handicap cut from 31 to 27 for VGL Medal*)
Con Whitlock ... 74 ... 36
J Marsh ... 79 ... 33
B McCoy ... 79 ... 35
D Jennings ... 79 ... 35
J Fisher ... 84 (*handicap cut from 31 to 27 for VGL Medal*)
K Sumsion ... 86 ... 34 (*handicap cut from 31 to 27 for VGL Medal*)
I Scott ... Dudley Norris Fenwick... on the 3rd!